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Honorable Sherman Adams
Governor of New Hampshire
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Governor Adams:

You have inquired regarding the use of a rubber stamp facsimile of your signature to approve manifests, requisitions and expense accounts originating in the office of the Governor.

It is my opinion that your stamped signature has the same legal force and effect as your written signature. See, *Hall v. United States*, C.C.A. Ill., 288 Fed. 192, 193; *Reyn v. United States*, 249 Ind. 554, 557, 117 Ore. 374. However, by resolution of the Governor and Council in January, a uniform method of authorizing and appointing a designated deputy in various state departments, was established pursuant to Laws of 1950, chapter 5, Part II, section 12, paragraph VI. Under the regulations of the comptroller, all heads of departments of the state government or their designated deputies sign all manifests, requisitions and expense accounts. No stamped signatures have been accepted as meeting the requirements of the comptroller's regulations.

In the interests of conformity of practice among all departments and in order that the comptroller's regulations might be properly enforced, it is suggested that all manifests, requisitions and expense accounts in the office of the Governor be signed by you, or that authority to sign be delegated in accordance with the comptroller's regulations.

Respectfully,

Gordon M. Tiffany
Attorney General

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